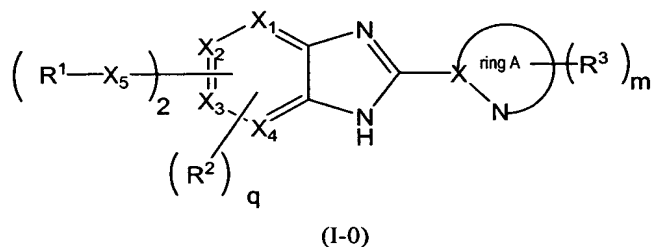


## CLAIMS

1. A compound of a formula (I-0):

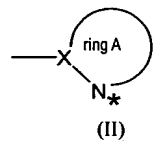


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

5 X represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom;

X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub> each independently represent a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom;

the ring A represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring of a formula (II), optionally having, in the ring, from 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom but excepting the nitrogen atom of N\* in formula II:



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or represents a twin-ring of the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring condensed with a phenyl or a pyridyl;

R<sup>1</sup> represents an aryl, or represents a 4- to 10-membered, monocyclic or twin-cyclic hetero ring having, in the ring, from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and R<sup>1</sup> may be independently substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and when said hetero ring is an aliphatic hetero ring, then it may have 1 or 2 double bonds;

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R<sup>2</sup> independently represents a hydroxy, a formyl, -CH<sub>3-a</sub>F<sub>a</sub>, -OCH<sub>3-a</sub>F<sub>a</sub>, an amino, CN, a halogen, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>OH;

R<sup>3</sup> represents a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-6</sub>-OH, a -C(O)-OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, a -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-6</sub>-OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-6</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>, a cyano, a -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, a halogen, a -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, an -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -COOH, -OH or an oxo;

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R<sup>4</sup> independently represents a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and the alkyl may be substituted with the same or different, from 1 to 3 hydroxyls, halogens, -OC(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyls and the alkyl may be substituted with from 1 to 3 halogens or -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyls,

a -C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl,

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a -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl,

-C(O)-N(R<sup>51</sup>)R<sup>52</sup>,

-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-N(R<sup>51</sup>)R<sup>52</sup>,

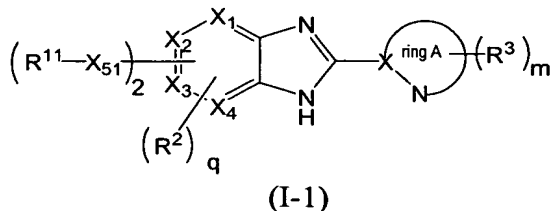
an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and the C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl may be substituted with a halogen or N(R<sup>51</sup>)R<sup>52</sup>,

an -S(O)<sub>0-2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,

- a -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and the C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl may be substituted with a halogen, an amino, CN, a hydroxy, an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -CH<sub>3-a</sub>F<sub>a</sub>, an -OC(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -N(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)C(O)O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -NH-C(O)O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, a phenyl, -N(R<sup>51</sup>)R<sup>52</sup>, an -NH-C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -N(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)-C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or an -NH-S(O)<sub>0-2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
- 5 a -C(S)-C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl,  
 a -C(S)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  
 a -C(O)-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  
 -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-4</sub>-N(R<sup>53</sup>)-C(O)-R<sup>54</sup>,  
 -N(R<sup>53</sup>)-C(O)-O-R<sup>54</sup>,
- 10 a -C(O)-aryl optionally substituted with a halogen,  
 a -C(O)-aromatic hetero ring,  
 a -C(O)-aliphatic hetero ring,  
 a hetero ring and the hetero ring may be substituted with a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with a halogen or an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
- 15 a phenyl optionally substituted with a halogen, a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  
 a halogen, CN, a formyl, COOH, an amino, an oxo, a hydroxy, a hydroxyamidino or a nitro;  
 R<sup>51</sup> and R<sup>52</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; or the nitrogen atom, R<sup>51</sup> and R<sup>52</sup> together form a 4- to 7-membered hetero ring;  
 R<sup>53</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
- 20 R<sup>54</sup> represents a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or  
 the alkyls for R<sup>53</sup> and R<sup>54</sup> and -N-C(O)- together form a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring, or  
 the alkyls for R<sup>53</sup> and R<sup>54</sup> and -N-C(O)-O- together form a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring and the aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with an oxo, or the aliphatic hetero
- 25 ring may have 1 or 2 double bonds in the ring;  
 X<sub>5</sub> represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, a single bond or an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;  
 a independently indicates an integer of 1, 2 or 3;  
 q indicates an integer of from 0 to 2;  
 m indicates an integer of from 0 to 2;
- 30 excepting a case where one of X<sub>5</sub>'s is -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, and the other of X<sub>5</sub>'s is a single bond, and R<sup>1</sup> is an aryl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, or a nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, a case where X<sub>5</sub>'s are both single bonds, or a case where R<sup>1</sup>'s are both aliphatic hetero rings.
- 35 2. A compound as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X<sub>1</sub> to X<sub>4</sub> are all carbon atoms.

3. A compound as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $X_5$  is -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>- or a single bond.

4. A compound as claimed in 1, which is represented by a formula (I-1):



5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

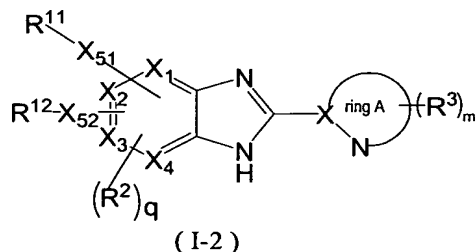
$R^{11}$  represents a phenyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's, or represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's; and  $X_{51}$  represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-; and the other symbols have the same meanings as above.

5. A compound as claimed in claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{11}$ 's are both phenyls optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's.

6. A compound as claimed in claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{11}$ 's are both 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero rings having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's.

7. A compound as claimed in claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein one of  $R^{11}$ 's is a phenyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's, and the other of  $R^{11}$ 's is a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's.

8. A compound as claimed in claim 1, which is represented by a formula (I-2):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

$R^{11}$  represents a phenyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's, or represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's; and

R<sup>12</sup> represents a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing hetero ring having, as the hetero atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and R<sup>12</sup> may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and when the hetero ring is an aliphatic hetero ring, then it may have 1 or 2 double bonds;

X<sub>51</sub> represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-;

X<sub>52</sub> represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>- or a single bond; and the other symbols have the same meanings as above.

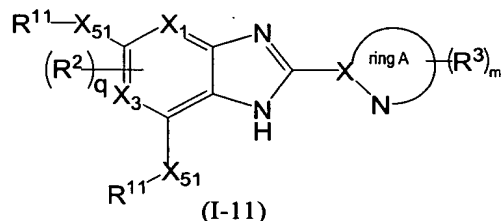
9. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>12</sup> represents a 4- to 7-membered saturated nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the hetero atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and X<sub>52</sub> is a single bond; or R<sup>12</sup> represents a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, and having, in the ring, 1 or 2 double bonds and the 5- to 7-membered hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and X<sub>52</sub> is -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.

10. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>12</sup> represents a 4- to 7-membered saturated nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the hetero atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and X<sub>52</sub> is a single bond.

11. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>12</sup> represents a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, and having, in the ring, 1 or 2 double bonds and the 5- to 7-membered hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and X<sub>52</sub> is -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.

12. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>12</sup> represents a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, and having, in the ring, 1 or 2 double bonds and the nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and X<sub>52</sub> is -O-.

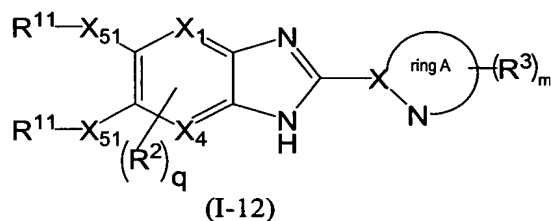
13. A compound as claimed in claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of formula (I-1), which is represented by a formula (I-11):



and in the formula, the symbols have the same meanings as above.

14. A compound as claimed in claim 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X<sub>51</sub>'s are both -O-;

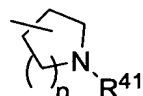
15. A compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of formula (I-1) which is represented by a formula (I-12):



and in the formula, the symbols have the same meanings as above.

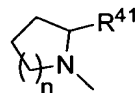
16. A compound as claimed in claim 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X<sub>51</sub>'s are both -O-.

17. A compound as claimed in claim 10, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is represented by a formula (III-1):



(III-1)

or a formula (III-2):



(III-2)

and the formulae, n indicates an integer of from 1 to 3; R<sup>41</sup> has the same meaning as that of R<sup>4</sup>.

18. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the ring A is a thiazolyl, an imidazolyl, an isothiazolyl, a thiadiazolyl, an oxadiazolyl, a triazolyl, an oxazolyl, an isoxazolyl, a pyrazinyl, a pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrazolyl or a pyrimidinyl, which may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s.

19. A compound of formula (I-0), which is the following compound:

5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-1H-benzimidazole,

- 5-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5 5-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 10 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-cyano-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 15 5-(2,3-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2,5-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 20 5-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-fluoropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 25 5-(2-fluoropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-chloropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-chloropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 30 5-(2-cyanopyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 35 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

- 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5 5-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 10 5-(2-fluoro-6-cyano-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-fluoro-6-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-fluoro-6-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 15 5-(2-fluoro-6-cyano-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-fluoro-6-(tetrazol-5-yl)-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5-(2-difluoromethoxypyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(3-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 20 4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 25 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 30 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2,3-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2,5-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 35 4-(2-cyano-6-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

- 4-(2-cyano-6-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 4-(2-cyano-6-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 5 1-(2-(6-(5-bromo-pyridin-2-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(4-hydroxymethyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 10 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide,
- 15 2-hydroxy-1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-1-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 20 2-fluoro-1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 5-(6-(1-acetyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole-5-yloxy)pyridine-2-carbonitrile,
- 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-methylamino-ethanone,
- 25 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(4-fluoro-2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 30 N-(5-(6-(1-acetyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yloxy)-pyridin-2-yl)-acetamide,
- 1-(2-(2-(5-bromo-pyridin-2-yl)-6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- N-(2-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl)-acetamide,
- 35 6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(methoxymethyl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol



monotrifluoroacetate,

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6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

(2-(2-(5-((2'-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)methylamine,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-([1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

5-(1-acetyl-3-fluoropyrrolidin-2-yl)-6-(4-(methanesulfonyl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

5-(1-acetyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-6-(4-(methanesulfonyl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(6-methoxymethylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

2-(2-(5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethanol,

2-(5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide,

5'-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)-2H-1,2'-bipyridin-2-one,

3-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-methylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-pyrazin-2-ylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetyl-3-fluoropyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((2'-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-

benzimidazole,

3-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1,3-

oxazolidine-2-one,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-5-((6-pyrazin-2-ylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

5 1-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)ethanone,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

10 N-methyl-2-(2-(5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethanamine,

6-(1-acetyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(methoxymethyl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

15 1-(1-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethanone,

1-(1-(6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethanone,

1-(1-(6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)ethanone, or

20 1-(1-(6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-4-fluoropyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethanone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the following (1) to (3), which is used for remedy, prevention and/or retardation of onset of type-II diabetes:

(1) a compound stated in any one of claims 1 to 19,

25 (2) one or more compounds selected from the following groups (a) to (h):

(a) any other glucokinase activator,

(b) a bis-guanide,

(c) a PPAR agonist,

(d) an insulin,

30 (e) a somatostatin,

(f) an  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitor,

(g) an insulin, and

(h) a DPP-IV (dipeptidyl peptidase IV) inhibitor,

(3) a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

35 21. A glucokinase activator comprising a compound or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt stated in any one of claims 1 to 19, as the active ingredient thereof;

22. A medicine for remedy and/or prevention of diabetes, comprising a compound or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt stated in any one of claims 1 to 20, as the active ingredient thereof.

23. A medicine for remedy and/or preventive of obesity, comprising a compound or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt stated in any one claims 1 to 20, as the active ingredient thereof.